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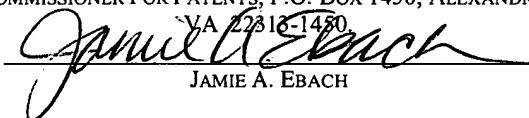
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U.S. Serial No. 10/676,381, filed September 30, 2003, entitled "ADJUVANTS FOR NEGATIVELY CHARGED TONERS" (SAM0017/US); and

U.S. Serial No. 10/677,094, filed September 30, 2003, entitled "CHARGE ADJUVANT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHODS" (SAM0022/US).

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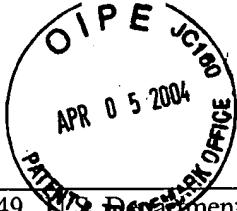
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